

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**

Attorney Docket No. 9013-31

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Welch et al.  
Serial No.: 09/889,645  
Filed: January 24, 2002  
For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

Confirmation No. 8639  
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Examiner: Agnieszka Boesen

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated May 15, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

It is not believed that any fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this submission. In the event, however, that any requests, petitions or extensions of time for the accompanying response are required to prevent abandonment of this application, Applicants submit that such an extension is also hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and/or a request be granted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this submission may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220, or any overpayment may be credited to the same.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.